

ROOSEVELT'S HUNT OFFICIAL

**HE'S GOING TO AFRICA FOR
THE SMITHSONIAN.**

**All the Big Game That Falls Before
His Rifle Will Be Sent Back to Wash-
ington—Four in the Party With
and Kermit, Official Photographer**

to-day that Mr. Roosevelt's hunting in Africa is not to be a private enterprise but that he will go as the leader of an expedition "outfitted" by the Smithsonian Institution. The following official announcement was made to-day:

"In March, 1909, Mr. Theodore Roosevelt will lead an expedition to Africa, to be outfitted by the Smithsonian Institution. The expedition will be composed of a party of men and women, and will be the first of its kind since the expedition of the late General Stanley in 1874. The expedition will be the first of its kind since the expedition of the late General Stanley in 1874. The expedition will be the first of its kind since the expedition of the late General Stanley in 1874."

velt will head a scientific expedition to Africa, outfitted by the Smithsonian Institution and starting from New York City. This expedition will gather natural history materials for the Government collections, to be deposited by the Smithsonian Institution.

"Besides the President and his son, Kermit Roosevelt, the personnel of the party on leaving New York will consist of three representatives of the Smithsonian Institution in the New United States National Museum at Washington, D. C.

sonian Institution: Major Edgar Mearns, Medical Corps, U. S. A. (ret.); Mr. Edmund Heller and Mr. J. A. Loring.

the President's outfit. He will be in charge of a number of native porters who, with necessary animals, will be formed into a small caravan.

big game, the skins and skeletons of which will be prepared and shipped to the United States by other members of the party. Kermit Roosevelt is to be the official photographer of the expedition.

The national collections are deficient in natural history material from the Dark Continent and an effort will be made by the expedition to get general collections in zoology and botany to supply some of its deficiencies; but

"Mr. Cunningham, who is now engaged in assembling the materials for Roosevelt's use, has been employed not as guide and manager of the car-

Mr. Cunningham is also an experienced collector of natural history specimens, having made collections for the British Museum in Norway and Africa. He is an English field man, who has guided numerous hunting parties in Africa and

"Mr. Edmund Heller, a graduate of Stanford University, class of 1901, is thoroughly trained naturalist, whose special work will be the preparation

preservation of specimens of large animals. Mr. Heller is about 30 years of age. His former experience, when associated with Mr. D. G. Elliot and M. Akeley of the Field Columbian Museum in collecting big game animals in

Mr. Heller has had large experience in animal collecting in Alaska, British Columbia, the United States, Mexico

In the year 1908 he made a collecting trip of eleven months to Galapagos Island starting from San Francisco. He is born and enthusiastic collector and well equipped naturalist. He is a

well equipped laboratory. Also is the author of scientific papers on mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes. At present he is assistant curator of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California.

Mr. J. Allen Loring is a field naturalist whose training comprises service in the biological survey of the Department of Agriculture and in the Bronx Zoologic Park, New York city, as well as on numerous collecting trips through South America.

"In August and September and October, 1898, he made the highest record for a travelling collector having collected 1,000 specimens."

900 well prepared specimens of mammals in the three weeks before from London through Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and Belgium.

officer of the Medical Corps of the army, about 53 years old, will be the physician of the trip and have charge of the Sanctioned portion of the party. He has twenty-five years experience as an army doctor and is also well known as a naturalist.

"No fears need be entertained for the President's safety from the attack of man or beast, as every member of the party is an excellent rifle shot."

"The party will reach Mombasa April, 1909. No detailed itinerary has been decided upon, but the general route will be up the Uganda River Railway to Nairobi and Lake Victoria Nyanza, a distance of about 550 miles by rail, thence

"Much of the hunting will be done in British East Africa, where the Uganda Railroad can be used as a base of supplies and means of ready transportation.

"Khartum will be reached, if all goes well, about April, 1910. The expedition may be expected to spend about one year in African soil."

DISPENSARY SYSTEM STANDS
Oklahoma Judge Rules That the Voters
Didn't Know What They Were Doing.
GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 5.—Oklahoma

liquor dispensary system is still legal although the people repudiated it on November 3 by a decisive majority. The District Court here to-day Judge A. L. Huston held that the form of ballot presented to the voters was such as to convey no intelligent idea of what was to be voted.

and therefore the only part of the proposition defeated at the polls was the provision making the dispensary law part of the Constitution.

Teachers Excursion to Savannah.
December 23d to January 1st.

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